

REMARKS

Claims 2-8 and 12-17 are now presented for examination. Claims 1, 9-11 and 18-19 have been canceled without prejudice and without disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 2, 12, 14 and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim 2 is independent.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner pointed out that the various claimed shapes of Claims 9-11 were not shown in the drawings. Claims 9-11 have been canceled.

On pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 9-13, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yang, U.S. Patent No. 6,179,024. Claims 1, 9-11 and 18-19 have been canceled. Claims 12 and 13 now depend from amended Claim 2, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

On page 3 of the Office Action, Claims 2-8 and 14-17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has herein canceled Claim 1 and incorporated the limitations of that claim into amended independent Claim 2, which is now deemed patentable. Claims 3-8 and 14-17 depend either directly or indirectly from amended independent Claim 2, discussed above, and are also deemed patentable.

Claims 12 and 13 also depend from amended independent Claim 2. These claims recite additional limitations which, in conformity with the features of their corresponding independent claim, are not disclosed or suggested by the art of record. These dependent claims are therefore

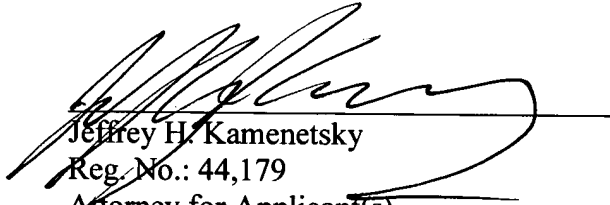
also believed patentable. However, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

For all of the above reasons, the claim rejections are believed to have been overcome placing Claims 2-8 and 12-17 in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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